

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A stent, comprising:  
a member including  
    a first portion; and  
    a second portion disposed outwardly of the first portion, ~~the second portion being more radiopaque than the first portion~~ and having  
        a first layer including a radiopaque material that is more radiopaque than the first portion, and  
        a second layer ~~defining an outer surface of the member and comprising an alloy of~~ comprising the radiopaque material and a second material, and  
        a third layer comprising an oxidized form of the alloy.
2. (Canceled)
3. (Canceled)
4. (Original) The stent of claim 1, wherein the radiopaque material is selected from the group consisting of gold, platinum, palladium, and tantalum.
5. (Original) The stent of claim 1, wherein the second material is selected from the group consisting of titanium, chromium, palladium, niobium, and silicon.

6. (Original) The stent of claim 1, wherein the first portion comprises a material selected from the group consisting of stainless steel and nickel-titanium alloy.

7. (Original) The stent of claim 1, wherein the first portion is the innermost portion of the member.

8. (Original) The stent of claim 1, wherein the first portion contacts the second portion.

9. (Original) The stent of claim 1, further comprising a third portion between the first portion and the second portion.

10. (Original) The stent of claim 1, further comprising a polymeric layer on the member.

11. (Original) The stent of claim 1, further comprising a drug-releasing layer on the member.

12. (Currently Amended) A stent, comprising:  
a member including  
a first portion having  
a first layer including a radiopaque material, and  
a second layer ~~defining an outer surface of the member and comprising an~~  
alloy of comprising the radiopaque material and a second material, and  
a third layer comprising an oxidized form of the alloy.

13-42. (Canceled)

43. (New) The stent of claim 12, wherein the radiopaque material is selected from the group consisting of gold, platinum, palladium, and tantalum.

44. (New) The stent of claim 12, wherein the second material is selected from the group consisting of titanium, chromium, palladium, niobium, and silicon.

45. (New) The stent of claim 12, wherein the third layer is the outermost layer.

46. (New) The stent of claim 12, further comprising a polymeric layer on the member.

47. (New) The stent of claim 12, further comprising a drug-releasing layer on the member.

48. (New) The stent of claim 12, wherein the oxidized form of the alloy comprises an oxide, a nitride, or a carbide.

49. (New) The stent of claim 12, wherein the oxidized form of the alloy comprises an oxide.

50. (New) The stent of claim 1, wherein the oxidized form of the alloy comprises an oxide, a nitride, or a carbide.

51. (New) The stent of claim 1, wherein the oxidized form of the alloy comprises an oxide.